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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO FIRST MEETING OF ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON LOPEZ CELLY, MFA, MARCH 7 TO SOLICIT SUB-  
STANTIVE GOI COMMENTS ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOLLOWING MARCH 6  
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INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING TO PREPARE GOI POSITION ON WASHINGTON

ENERGY CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES.

2. LOPEZ CELLY REPORTED THAT MEETING UNFORTUNATELY WAS INCLUSIVE AND GOI CONSEQUENTLY IS STILL UNABLE TO OFFER ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS. MEETING SERVED ONLY TO ESTABLISH INITIAL CONTACT AND EXAMINE ENERGY QUESTION IN BROAD TERMS WITHOUT DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE. ALTHOUGH THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES INVOLVED HAVE FULL DOCUMENTATION OF US PROPOSALS, THEY NEVERTHELESS RESERVED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS FOR SUBSEQUENT DATE. MFA MADE CLEAR TO PARTICIPANTS THAT NEXT MEETING OF CG WAS ONLY A WEEK OFF. LOPEZ THROUGHT CHANCES WERE SLIM FOR ANY FEEDBACK BEFORE MARCH 13-14 BRUSSELS MEETING. WE WILL IN ANY EVENT CHECK WITH HIM MARCH 12.

3. LOPEZ EXPRESSED PERSONAL DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF CONCRETE RESULTS OF THE MEETING AND OVERALL SLOWNESS WITH WHICH GOI IS MOVING. WHEN ASKED WHAT EFFECT THE ABOVE WOULD HAVE UPON GOI POSITION AT MARCH 13-14 MEETING, HE WAS UNABLE TO REPLY. COMMENTC WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT THAT ONCE AGAIN ITALIANS WILL PROVE TO BE "FOLLOWERS" AS HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST. THEY WILL MOST LIKELY ATTEMPT TO APPEAR AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO US, AT SAME TIME TAKING GREAT CARE TO REMAIN IN LINE WITH THEIR EC PARTNERS.

4. CONVERSATION MARCH 8 WITH GIUSEPPE SFLIGIOTTI, CHIEF OF ENERGY PLANNING AT ENI WHO ATTEND BOTH WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AND MARCH 6 INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING, LEFT US SOMEWHAT LESS PESSIMISTIC RE ITALIAN POSITION. SFLIGIOTTI STRESSED CG FORUM AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES, AND GENERAL VIEW THAT US PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE BOTH RELEVANT AND COMPLETE. NO IMPORTANT AREAS ARE LEFT UNCOVERED AND NONE OF THE POINTS COULD BE CONSIDERED POLITICALLY INOPPORTUNE. SFLIGIOTTI FELT THAT MORE ACTIVE GOI PARTICIPATION RE DETAILS AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD BE FOLLOWING. VOLPE

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